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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PROGRAM GUIDANCE: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE
ON NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES

REF: STATE 233134, SEOUL 6317 AND 217

1. EMBASSY IN REFTELS 217 AND 6317 HAS ALREADY OUTLINED STATUS OF CURRENT DRUG SITUATION AND ROKG POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUGGESTED FUTURE PROGRAMS. IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE, IT WISHES TO ADD A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR INFORMATION OF THE DEPARTMENT AND DEA.

2. THE SEOUL DEA OFFICE BECAME OPERATIONAL ON AUGUST 24 UPON ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL AGENT TO EMBASSY AND RECRUITMENT OF AN AMERICAN SECRETARY AND KOREAN NATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANT.

3. DEA SEOUL OFFICE HAS ESTABLISHED CLOSE LIAISON WITH ROK MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (MHSA), POLICE, CUSTOMS, US MILITARY INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, AND EMBASSY.

4. IN MARCH, DEA CONDUCTED A ONE-WEEK TRAINING COURSE IN SEOUL, ATTENDED BY 60 ROK POLICE OFFICERS AND ENTIRE MHSA NARCOTICS STAFF OF 31 AGENTS.

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5. DEA SPECIAL AGENT IS NOW SEEKING TO PROMOTE CLOSER COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG ROKG OFFICIALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL. EFFORTS HAVE ALREADY RESULTED IN RECENT SEIZURE OF 500 GRAMS OF ILLICIT AMPHETAMINE POWDER AND ARREST OF SIX KOREAN NATIONALS, AS WELL AS IDENTIFICATION OF JAPANESE COURIER. HIS IDENTITY HAS NOW BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH DEA CHANNELS TO JAPANESE AUTHORITIES.

6. DEA SPECIAL AGENT, EMBASSY NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICER, AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE PLANNING COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR DEPENDENTS OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SEOUL, INCLUDING DEPENDENTS OF NON-OFFICIAL AMERICANS.

7. EMBASSY PLANS TO RAISE, THROUGH AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS, THE FOLLOWING POINTS WITH ROKG:

A. NEED FOR MORE STRINGENT CONTROL OVER SALE OF BARBITURATES BY LOCAL PHARMACIES TO US MILITARY PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS.

B. EXAMINATION OF POSSIBILITY OF MAKING SALE OF SECONAL AND SIMILAR BARBITURATES SUBJECT TO PRESCRIPTION BY PHYSICIANS.

C. REQUESTING ROKG INQUIRY INTO POSSIBILITY THAT KOREAN PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY IS ENGAGING IN OVERPRODUCTION OF BARBITURATES AND OTHER HABIT-FORMING DRUGS, THUS TENDING TO ENCOURAGE ABUSE AND ILLEGAL TRAFFIC.

D. PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PRESENT ROKG NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IN FORM OF JEEPS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND ENCOURAGING MHSA TO ENLARGE ITS ENFORCEMENT STAFF.
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